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**DECLARATION
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Original Application**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (in only one name is listed at 201 below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed at 201-203 below) of the subject matter which is claimed and which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS RELATING TO GENE SILENCING

which is described and claimed in:

[X] the attached specification or [] the specification in Application Serial No. _____ filed _____
(for declaration not accompanying application)

And was amended on _____
if applicable

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) IF ANY, FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THIS APPLICATION			
COUNTRY	APPLICATION	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
			YES NO
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ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THIS APPLICATION			
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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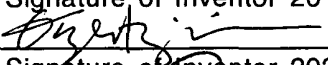
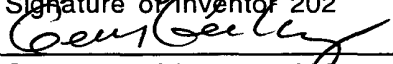
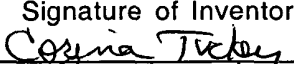
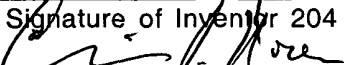
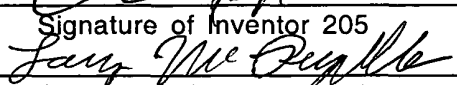
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